
NO. 490
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
November 1, 2007
MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Regional Council (RC) of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at the downtown offices in Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by President Gary Ovitt, Supervisor, San Bernardino County. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Hon. Gary Ovitt, San Bernardino County, President	
Hon Richard Dixon, Lake Forest 1 st Vice President	District 13
Hon. Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel, 2 nd Vice President	District 35
Hon. Yvonne, Burke, Los Angeles County, Immediate Past President	
Hon. Linda Parks, Ventura County	
Hon. Jon Edney, El Centro	District 1
Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Hon. Ron Roberts, Temecula	District 5
Hon. Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace	District 6
Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland	District 7
Hon. Deborah Robertson	District 8
Hon. Paul Eaton, Montclair	District 9
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario	District 10
Hon. Lawrence Dale, Barstow	District 11
Hon. Paul Glabb, Laguna Niguel	District 12
Hon. Leslie Daigle, Newport Beach	District 14
Hon. Lou Bone, Tustin	District 17
Hon. Christine Barnes, La Palma	District 18
Hon. Robert Hernandez, Anaheim	District 19
Hon. Troy Edgar, Los Alamitos	District 20
Hon. John Beaman, Brea	District 22
Hon. Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Hon. David Gafin, Downey	District 25
Hon. Judy Dunlap, Inglewood	District 28
Hon. Stan Carroll, La Habra Heights	District 31
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32
Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra	District 34
Hon. Mike Ten, South Pasadena	District 36
Hon. Paula Lantz, Pomona	District 38
Hon. Jim Aldinger, Manhattan Beach	District 40

Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Hon. Dennis Washburn, Calabasas	District 44
Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Hon. Toni Young, Port Hueneme,	District 45
Hon. Debbie Cook, Huntington Beach	District 64
Hon. Tim Jasper, Apple Valley	District 65
Hon. Robin Lowe, Hemet	RCTC
Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark	VCTC

Members Not Present

Hon. Chris Norby, Orange County	
Hon. Victor Carrillo, Imperial Valley	
Hon. Zev Yaroslavsky, LA County	
Hon. Bonnie Flickinger, Moreno Valley	District 3
Hon. Ron Loveridge, Riverside	District 4
Hon. Sharon Quirk, Fullerton	District 21
Hon. Isadore Hall, Compton	District 26
Hon. Frank Gurule, Cudahy	District 27
Hon. Rae Gabelich, Long Beach	District 29
Hon. Tonia Reyes-Uranga, Long Beach	District 30
Hon. Keith Hanks, Azusa	District 33
Hon. Tom Sykes, Walnut	District 37
Hon. Paul Nowatka, Torrance	District 39
Hon. Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura	District 47
Hon. Ed Reyes, Los Angeles	District 48
Hon. Wendy Greuel, Los Angeles	District 49
Hon. Dennis Zine, Los Angeles	District 50
Hon. Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles	District 51
Hon. Jack Weiss, Los Angeles	District 52
Hon. Tony Cardenas, Los Angeles	District 53
Hon. Alex Padilla, Los Angeles	District 54
Hon. Bernard Parks, Los Angeles	District 55
Hon. Jan Perry, Los Angeles	District 56
Hon. Herb Wesson, Los Angeles	District 57
Hon. Bill Rosendahl, Los Angeles	District 58
Hon. Greig Smith, Los Angeles	District 59
Hon. Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles	District 60
Hon. Jose Huizar, Jr., Los Angeles	District 61
Hon. Janice Hahn, Los Angeles	District 62
Hon. Thomas Buckley, Lake Elsinore	District 63
Hon. Andy Masiel, Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians	
Hon. Antonio Villaraigosa, Los Angeles	At-Large
Hon. Paul Leon, Ontario	SANBAG
Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park	OCTA

Staff Present

Mark Pisano, Executive Director
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director
Wayne Moore, Chief Financial Officer
Colin Lennard, General Counsel
Joe Burton, Chief Counsel
Hasan Ikhata, Director, Planning & Policy
Keith Killough, Director, Information Services
Sylvia Patsaouras, Acting Director, Government and Public Affairs
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Ovitt called the meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance and invocation was led by Councilmember Harry Baldwin, 2nd Vice President.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 3.1.5 and Item 3.2.1 were pulled. Motion was made (Millhouse) to approve the remainder of the consent calendar. Motion was SECONDED (Becerra) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3.1 Approval Items

3.1.1 Minutes of October 4, 2007 Meeting

3.1.2 SCAG TDA Funds to Reimburse Consultant Expenditures

3.1.3 International Conference on Hinterland Development and Strategies of the Pyeongtaek Port, Korea

3.1.4 Proposed Amendments to the SCAG Conflict of Interest Code

3.1.6 Execution of MOU with Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority

Due a conflict of interest Councilmember Hernandez abstained.

3.2 Receive & File

3.2.2 CFO Monthly Financial Report

Items pulled for discussion

3.1.5 Sponsorship Solicitation for the SCAG Transit Conference

Councilmember Robertson wanted to know if the SCAG had previously held a transit conference. Mr. Ikhrata stated that this conference would be the first transit SCAG has actually conducted. Motion was made (Robertson) to approve the sponsorship for the transit conference. Motion was SECONDED (Baldwin) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3.2.1 Contracts/Purchase Orders and MOUs between \$5,000 - \$250,000

Councilmember Lantz raised the issue regarding the number of bids received on contracts. Wayne Moore, CFO, gave an update on the contract issue. He stated that the Administration Committee was asked to formulate a Contracts Subcommittee for purposes of developing new practices for securing bids. The Administration Committee directed staff to come back in six months with recommendations.

Motion was made (Becerra) to approve item 3.2.1. Motion was SECONDED (Baldwin) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4.1 Committee Appointments

Subregional Representatives to Policy Committees

From CVAG To EEC Hon. Steven Hernandez, Coachella

From Gateway Cities To EEC Hon. Layne Baroldi, La Habra Heights

District Evaluations Subcommittee

Hon. Margaret Clark, Los Angeles County

Hon. Richard Dixon, Orange County

Hon. Jon Edney, Imperial County

Hon. Larry McCallon, San Bernardino County

Hon. Greg Pettis, Riverside County

Hon. Toni Young, Ventura County

President Ovitt announced that the District Evaluation Subcommittee will be reviewing and evaluating the composition of districts in 2008, and determine if changes are to be made. The recommendations will then be presented to the Regional Council.

In addition, President Ovitt requested that policy committee chairs review their respective task forces and committees membership and forward recommendations as soon as possible.

Councilmember Lantz requested staff provide a schedule that would include upcoming SCAG meetings for the month. Councilmember Washburn suggested that a link be included on the bottom of all correspondence that will prompt directly to a monthly meeting schedule. Regional Council members concurred.

5.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The report was previously emailed to the Regional Council. Mark Pisano reported that Governor Schwarzenegger requested to hold a meeting and press conference at SCAG offices on October 31. The purpose of the press conference was to address and respond to the fire situation in Southern California. He stated that four of the six counties within the SCAG region were affected and because of their geographic locations, the Governor felt SCAG was the appropriate arena to hold the press conference.

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Energy and Environment Committee Report (EEC)

6.1.1 Approach for the 2008 RTP/RCP PEIR

Councilmember Debbie Cook, chair, stated that the EEC recommended maintaining the current RTP/RCP PEIR approach.

Mayor Dixon stated that the Executive Committee discussed the 2008 RTP/RCP PEIR approach and recommended the following: 1) Separate the PEIR of the RTP and RCP as well as conduct two separate EIR's; 2) Any portion of the RCP that is needed for mitigation requirements in the RTP, be moved and included in the RTP's EIR; and 3) Authorize up \$150,000 from TDA funds to pay for the cost. Motion was SECONDED (McCallon).

Councilmember O'Connor offered an amendment to include a commitment to completing the RCP process, and consider its adoption in an expeditious manner. There were no objections.

Public comments were presented by Michael Fitts, EHL, and Adrian Martinez, Natural Resources Defense Council, spoke in favor of combining the RCP/RTP. Todd Priest, Building Industry Association of Southern California, presented comments opposing combining the RCP and RTP.

After several comments there was a call for the question (Baldwin) to end discussion. Motion was seconded (Lowe, McCallon). There were 19 AYES and 22 NOES. Motion failed. Discussions continued.

After additional discussion, Mayor Dixon amended his motion as follows: 1) That the PEIR for the RTP and RCP be separated, as well as separating the EIRs for the RTP and RCP; and 2) Authorize up to \$150,000 to complete the work; and 3) That the Regional Council commit to completing the RCP process and consider its adoption in an expeditious manner. Councilmember McCallon agreed. The vote was taken by a show of hands. There were 25 AYES and 14 NOES. The motion PASSED.

6.2 **Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC)**

Councilmember Wapner reported that the TCC agreed to release the Transportation and Security and Emergency Preparedness Chapters of the RTP for public circulation. He also announced that there have been a series of RTP workshops held during this process. The TCC will be having a special meeting scheduled for November 27, 2007 at 9:00a.m. at SCAG Headquarters

6.3 **Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)**

No report was given.

6.4 **Administration Committee Report**

6.4.1 **FY 07-08 OWP Amendment #2**

Motion was made (Edney) to adopt Resolution #07-491-1 approving FY 2007-2008 Amendment #2. Motion was SECONDED (Wapner) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

6.5 **Communications & Membership Subcommittee**

Councilmember Glen Becerra, Chair, reported that the Communications and Membership Committee requested a change their committee name to to the Membership & Communications Subcommittee. The subcommittee would continue reporting to the Regional Council. There were no objections.

He also reported that Administration Committee requested that each subcommittee prepare a charter. Their charter has been completed. Finally, he announced that on November 8, 2007 SCAG will be hosting a WiFi Conference at the Bonaventure Hotel, downtown Los Angeles.

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no information items.

8.0 CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- 8.1 Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(a) City of La Mirada v. SCAG; City of Irvine v. SCAG; and City of Palmdale v. SCAG

Colin Lennard, General Counsel, informed the Regional Council that there was no need to go into closed session, but rather, he gave an update on the litigation pertaining to RHNA in open session.

9.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

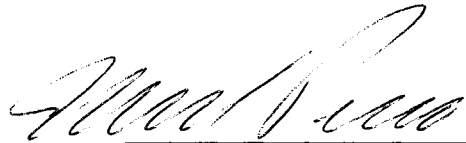
Councilmember Young requested that the SCAG acronyms be included in the Regional Council policy committee agendas.

10.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Regional Council will be held on December 6, 2007 in downtown Los Angeles.



Mark Pisano, Executive Director